

Ayyar, B. A., Tahsildars of Cochin-Kanayannur, Mukundapuram and Chittur Taluks respectively and of Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar, Assistant Secretary to the Diwan, was on the last day of Edavam 1105;

(b) how Messrs. Ramankutti Menon, Kunjan Menon and Parameswara Ayyar were found unfit for the post of Assistant Secretary and in what respects Mr. Sesha Ayyar, their junior in service, was found fitter for the post;

(c) how Mr. Sesha Ayyar's qualifications were superior to those of the other three officers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

(a) Mr. C. Ramankutti Menon	Rs. 180.
„ M. Kunjan Menon	Rs. 170.
„ A. Parameswara Ayyar	Rs. 230.
„ T. S. Sesha Ayyar	Rs. 170.

(b) and (c) Vide answer to sub-division (g) of question No. 296 of the last meeting.

Selection of candidates for certain appointments.

370. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how long it has been Government's policy to select, for a responsible post, the juniormost in service of three or more officers, on the ground that he was considered the fittest person for the place;

(b) on what other occasions Government has followed the said policy?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) In the absence of any reference in the question to the post and the persons the Member has in view, it cannot be answered.

Grant-in-aid Bills audit.

371. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what irregularities have been disclosed by the recent grant-in-aid bills audit;

(b) what measures Government proposes to take to prevent a repetition of the same?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The audit has not been completed and before the same is finished and the report thereof is examined nothing can be said of the result of the audit.

(b) This does not arise now in view of the answer above.